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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization has noted that the world is experiencing great changes. The population under 25 years of age has been increasing and statistically reached 3 billion. Unfortunately, instead of getting adequate opportunities for development, they are deeply affected by the impacts of climate change and urban congestion. During the economic crisis, youth suffer particularly in the labour market. They are laid off and remain unemployed, which causes social unrest.

We hold that ecological safety is "the safety of living". In recent years, frequent natural and ecological disasters not only threatened the survival of mankind, but also formed bottlenecks for development in many countries. Frequent disasters altered the political landscape, caused conflicts and exacerbated poverty. Therefore, diminishing the risks of climate change and disasters, protecting natural resources and ecological safety, facilitating youth employment, eliminating poverty and achieving the post-2015 development goals have become the shared responsibility of all countries.

We reiterate that in May 2013, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and our organization co-launched the "Youth Empowerment and Urban Ecological Safety programme" which includes the following four projects: (a) China's annual Urban Youth Report; (b) ecological skills and employment training; (c) Urban Ecological Safety Ranking Index within the framework of UN-Habitat; and (d) "United Nations Youth Innovation Award".

We will cooperate with countries all over the world and make contributions to achieving the post-2015 sustainable development goals and the well-being of mankind.